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Via Facsimile Only

Honorable John G. Koeltl
District Court Judge
United States District Court
Southern District, New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

*Counsel must still
appear at the scheduled conference.
So ordered.*

Re: *United States v. Rene Rodriguez a/k/a Jose Gonzalez*
08 Cr. 478 (JGK)

Dear Judge Koeltl:

This office represents Rene Rodriguez, the defendant in the above referenced case. The matter is next scheduled on the Court's calendar for a status conference on Thursday July 24, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

When my client was arraigned on the indictment in this matter on June 12, 2008, I indicated to the Court that my continued representation of Mr. Rodriguez was uncertain given his family's apparent inability to retain my services. It has now been ascertained by me that Mr. Rodriguez will not be able to meet any financial terms for my services. Therefore, I am respectfully requesting that I be relieved as attorney for Rene Rodriguez in this matter and that new counsel be assigned to represent him.

The Court's consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Yours truly,


John L. Russo (JR6200)

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cc:AUSA Arianna R. Berg (via facsimile)